

SESSION 4
BAND
OF BROTHERS
PART 2



SCRIPTURE QUOTE FOR THE WEEK



“And when the Philistine [Goliath] looked, and saw David, he disdained him; for he was but a youth, ruddy and comely in appearance. And the Philistine said to David, ‘Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?’ And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. The Philistine said to David, ‘Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the beasts of the field.’ Then David said to the Philistine, ‘You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin; but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defiled. This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down, and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the host of the Philistines this day to the birds of the air and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the LORD saves not with sword and spear; for the battle is the LORD’s and he will give you into our hand.”

—Samuel 17:42-47



COMMIT

The friendship of King David and Jonathan as illustrated in Scripture is an example of how two guys can be united in a friendship that brings the best out of them. The friendship of David and Nathan is also an example of how men also keep one another accountable, and they challenge each other to repent and return to God. God can use friendship to make two people better than they could have ever been alone, and become the people who He created them to be.

This week, reflect on the story of David, especially in 1 Samuel 17 (the story of David and Goliath) and 2 Samuel 11-12 (the story of David, Bathsheba, and Nathan). As you read, imagine yourself in the story and reflect on the questions below.

- » 1 Samuel 17—How does Jonathan help David assume his role as king? What qualities does Jonathan have that make him a good friend? What characteristics of brotherhood do David and Jonathan share? How is God calling you to help your friends in the circumstances and challenges of their lives?
- » 2 Samuel 11-12—How does Nathan help David repent of his sin and turn back to God? Have you ever been in a situation where you had to call someone out, or where someone was calling you out and you had to be accountable? What ways does God use your friend to call you to be a better man?



PRAYER

PRAY: Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Scene 3

1. We have talked about the concept of a “band of brothers” as a kind of military expression. What do you think is the purpose or mission of a military officer?
2. The daily activity of a soldier is defined according to his mission. Remember the O in the GOSPEL acronym: Our sins have separated us from God, and we find ourselves in a great spiritual battle. If your mission is to defeat the dominion of the devil, what are some daily activities to fulfill this mission?

In order to share a purpose with another person, we have to have purpose. If we do not know our purpose, we cannot share our mission with one another. David and Jonathan were able to have a brotherhood because they shared in the same mission with one another.

Scene 4

Passivity is a failure to act when we should. As the king, David should have been leading his men in battle. Instead, he was passively back in his palace. This is similar to when Adam was passive in the garden while Eve was being tempted by Satan. Adam was there and did not fulfill his mission to protect and defend Eve. Passivity makes us weak in the face of temptation. We need to keep our mission always in the front of our minds so we don't fall into passivity.

1. Why did David fall into sin?
2. What caused David to repent of his sin and be reconciled with God?

When we forget or lose sight of our mission, our brotherhood has a way of calling us out and bringing us back to our mission. This is why soldiers have each other's backs. This is the kind of relationship that we need to have with one another—otherwise, when we fall down, we will stay down and we will never accomplish our mission.

- How can you help a brother who is struggling to resist looking at pornography on the Internet?
- How can you help a brother who is struggling to resist drinking alcohol or taking drugs?
- How can you help a brother who is in an impure relationship with a girl?
- How can you help a brother who is not putting in the necessary effort to get good grades in school?
- How can you help a brother who does not have a strong, faith-filled father in his life?